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Honorable Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 1980, requesting an exemption from the 10 percent mileage reduction program established by the President.

We believe that the 10 percent reduction in miles traveled by Government-owned and commercially leased vehicles should continue to be the goal for all Federal agencies, including the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). As part of the Federal community, executive agencies must set an example for others in the conduct of their operations. In his January 21, 1980, memorandum on energy conservation to the heads of executive departments and agencies, the President said, "I cannot ask our citizens and private businesses to conserve energy if the Federal Government lags behind." Accordingly, we cannot at this time exempt the CIA from the President's 10 percent mileage reduction.

However, we realize that the conversion of your vehicle support from privately owned to Government-owned and commercially leased vehicles will impact your ability to achieve the 10 percent goal. We also realize that this conversion has the potential for significant improvements in your motor vehicle operations in terms of not only cost effectiveness but also energy conservation. You are to be commended in this regard. For these reasons, we will discuss this aspect of your energy conservation efforts with the Department of Energy, if you so desire.

Nevertheless, the President's 10 percent mileage goal called for "extraordinary" efforts from all of us. Therefore, it is essential that all of us adopt far-reaching measures to ensure that the target is achieved. If additional requirements are placed upon Federal agencies or this goal is extended beyond March 31, 1980, we would consider a further request for relief at that time.

Sincerely,

R. G. Freeman III
Administrator

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